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PRODUCTION OF VEGETABLE OILS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of vegetable oils is declining;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether poor quality of seeds is one of the reasons for declining production of vegetable oils; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to improve the quality of seeds?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The unfavourable weather conditions and the drought situation prevailing in major oilseeds growing states during the last 3 years is the main reason for decline in the production of Oilseeds/Vegetable oils in the country.

(c) & (d): No, Sir. However National Seeds Corporation (NSC), State Farms Corporation of India (SFCI) and State Seeds Corporation (SSC) are providing quality seeds of oilseed crops to different states in accordance with their requirement.

In addition, assistance under Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) is also provided for production of foundation seed, Seed Village Programme (SVP) for certified seed production, distribution of seed minikits and crash programme for quality seed production of groundnut and soybean in order to make available sufficient quantity of quality seeds for oilseed growers in the country.